

SENATE BILL 1262

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20
and Title 29, relative to settlement agreements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 34, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any provision of a settlement agreement entered into by a governmental entity that has the effect of prohibiting the disclosure of details or the identities of persons relating to a claim by any of the parties is void and unenforceable as contrary to the public policy of this state; except that identifying information concerning a person who is a victim of sexual harassment or an offense under title 39, chapter 13, part 5; title 39, chapter 17, part 10; § 39-13-111; § 39-13-605; § 39-15-302; § 39-15-401; or § 39-15-402 is confidential until such person authorizes the disclosure of the information.

(b) For purposes of this section, "governmental entity" means any lawfully established department, agency, or entity of this state or any political subdivision of this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.